

HOUSE RESOLUTION 322  
By Langster

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Mount Nebo Baptist  
Church Outreach Ministries.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize and pay tribute to those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church and its Outreach Ministries are institutions that seek to improve the social and spiritual lives of those in their community; and

WHEREAS, sponsoring programs that adhere to their mission statement, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries endeavor to "manifest the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives individually and collectively, and seek to bring others into a personal dynamic relationship with Him by ministering to the whole man"; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries offer a wide range of programs that attend to the needs of children, the homeless, the poor, college students, married couples, parents, inmates, and other persons from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, to provide for educational needs, the Ministry program makes yearly financial contributions to area schools to help underprivileged children through the Adopt-A-School Program; it also offers a College Outreach Program, which establishes relationships with area colleges and universities to provide meals, care packages, and spiritual support to college students; and

WHEREAS, the Jesus Christ Crusaders provide another outlet for youth to engage in positive and productive activities; through this program, teenagers participate in projects to help the elderly, or they may visit a home for troubled youth to interact with them; and

WHEREAS, showing a generosity of spirit and a rich understanding of God's love, the Ministry provides for needy individuals and families with financial support and food vouchers through the Benevolence Ministry and with shelter and fellowship through the Room-in-the-Inn Program; it also provides gifts to prison inmates and nursing home visits; and

WHEREAS, on a seasonal basis, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries offer a Christmas Basket Give-Away and Clothing Give-Aways to needy families; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to community development, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries participate in the Adopt-A-Street program to keep neighborhoods clean and organize an annual Community Cookout to promote community interaction; the Ministry has also established Mount Nebo Baptist Community Development Corporation, a non-profit organization that promotes economic development and addresses the social concerns of senior citizens and youth, and participates in the Shalom Community, a collaboration of churches, other religious institutions, businesses, and private citizens that work together to achieve overall community health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Ministry offers opportunities for couples to engage in dialogues about fellowship, parenting, and other topics or issues that married couples may want to discuss; and

WHEREAS, focusing especially on troubled families, the Ministry works in collaboration with Metro Juvenile Court to provide classes for children and parents who wish to strengthen their family ties and communication channels; and

WHEREAS, addressing the evangelical side of their mission, the members of the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries financially support the American Baptist College; they also participate in the Evangelism Ministry, canvassing their neighborhoods to share the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of government in their attempts to better their community, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries have a Political Action Committee that stays informed on political issues and matters; the Ministry also participates in Tying Nashville Together, a grassroots organization of churches, neighborhood associations, and other religious groups that was formed to address city-wide social concerns and to hold elected officials accountable for their actions; and

WHEREAS, these many worthy programs and projects are supported by the donation of time, talent, and money of the members of the congregation; church leaders who organize and lead these committees include Pastor Bryson, Janise Shaw, Jacqueline Coleman, Anita Young, Roslyn Good, Clara Kelly, Elaine Warren, Jack Sanford, Freda Sanford, George Thomas, Ronald Toms, Theresa McClain-London, Robert Ligon, John Dawkins, and Farina Edwards; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Mount Nebo congregation has nobly and generously sought to follow God's will, providing comfort and guidance to those in need; through their actions and deeds, they epitomize the ideal of the humble Christian, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries continue to grow in faith and commitment and to render tireless and faithful service to the Lord; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and recognize the members of Mount Nebo Baptist Church Outreach Ministries for their devotion and fruitful service to their noble mission, commend and thank them for the important work that they perform for their community, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in each of their many endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.